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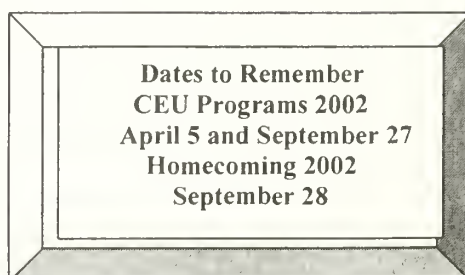
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Diane Smith (1966)



A Message from the Editor . . .

It is time for another edition and I want to thank all who sent in class news. At this holiday season, it is a time to remember that the profession of nursing is one of unconditional acceptance and caring. These are the traits instilled in nurses everywhere. It is a season to remember, to share, and to acknowledge who we are and those around us. At the Annual Meeting in September a vote by the membership present set up a six month fund drive for the September 11th Scholarship Fund. All donations received from Alumnae for this fund by March 30, 2002 will be tripled before being sent to the IHP to join their donation to this major scholarship fund. The fund was initially started by Harvard University and will represent donations from colleges and universities nationally to ensure educational scholarships for the children of the September 11th victims. Donations to this fund should be sent directly to the Alumnae Office.

As you can see from the front sheet my name is changed. I got married in August and my new name is Linda Lass Orrell. I also have moved and changed address, fax, and email addresses. I want to express my apologies to all who had difficulty getting news in for this edition. A typo got passed me and I published an incorrect box number for materials. So please make a note of the correct information below and get me your news. If you have articles or other information that might be included in the Record please forward material to me. I edit the Record but it is your newsmagazine. I only print what I get from you, the members of the organization. So please remember to send in news. You can either use snail mail or the information superhighway to get it to me. So send it, fax it, or e-mail it! Just remember that there are printing deadlines and your news must reach me by the dates listed in order to guarantee inclusion in that edition of the Record. The deadline for the Spring/Summer Edition is May 15th and the deadline for the Fall/Winter Edition is October 15th.

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Please type all materials or if it is easier you can send your news on a computer disk using either MS Word or Word Perfect. If you don't type or have a computer send news anyway but please try to make the writing as readable as possible so that I can spell all of the names correctly.

Thank you for all your help and have a happy holiday season with our wishes for acceptance, compassion, and peace worldwide.

Linda Lass Orrell and Pat Murphy

P. S. If you have an address change please let us know and if the post office has given you a postal address please forward that to us as soon as possible so that when we do mailings we can get them to you as quickly and efficiently as possible. And remember the Alumnae Office mailing address: **P. O. Box 477, Milton, MA 02186-0004 and an email address: MGHNAA@aol.com.** The office is still located in Suite 120 of the Ruth Sleeper Hall Building at the MGH.

**Annual Reports
of the
MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association
2000-2001**

**Minutes of the
*Annual General Business Meeting***

September 29, 2001

1. The meeting was called to order by Jeanne Stahl, President, at 9:15 AM.
2. The minutes of the September 2000 meeting were read as published in the Fall/Winter edition of the **Alumnae Record** – there were no additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as read.
3. Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were read and will be published with the Annual Reports.
4. The reports of the President and Committee Chairpersons were read and will be published with the Annual Reports.
5. The election results were announced by Diane Smith. 503 ballots were cast:
Vice President – Barbara Dunderdale
Treasurer – Maryann Vetere
Board of Directors – Beth Blackington Freidlander and Margery Eramo
Nominating Committee – Carolyn Thayer
6. A motion was made to destroy the ballots – approved.
7. New Business – Jeanne made comments on the September 11th disaster and the far reaching effects on all aspects of life, even affecting Homecoming attendance. Discussion ensued regarding making donations to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund or the University and College Scholarship fund for the children of the victims. A motion was made for the Alumnae to donate along with the IHP to the Scholarship Fund by Linda Lass Orrell and seconded by Diane Smith and unanimously adopted. Further discussion raised by Mary Caira regarding adding money from the Bertella Tompkins Fund to the money raised. The motion was made that the fund should be for a six-month period and that all monies collected by that time would be tripled with money from the Bertella Tompkins Fund before being sent to the IHP to add to their contribution. The motion was made by Jan Blaine and seconded by Diane Smith and was unanimously accepted.

Jeanne announced the marriages of two members of the board: Linda Lass-Schuhmacher (now Linda Lass Orrell) and Beth Blackington (now Beth Freidlander).

There was also the announcement of the proposed statue to be commissioned by the Alumnae Association to be placed on the Bulfinch lawn that will be a tribute to nursing. A capital campaign will be launched to fund this project. Diane Smith is the chair of the capital campaign project and she had worked to get an artist and approval from the Trustees of the MGH for the project. More will follow on this project in the near future.

The next CEU program will take place on April 5, 2002 at the MGH.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton
Secretary

President's Report

Today marks the end of my first year acting as President of our Alumnae Association. This time has been both exciting and rewarding. There had been a lot to learn and a lot to still learn.

As I have communicated in the **Alumnae Record** and **Beyond the Cap**, shortly after Homecoming 2000, the Board of Directors got together for a full day Strategic Planning Meeting lead by a very dynamic facilitator. Goals were set up and a game plan to achieve the goals was initiated. The members of the Board have worked hard throughout the year and I would like to give you an idea of where the NAA stands and what ground still needs to be paved:

- Expand/enhance continuing education:
Two continuing education programs were held this year in conjunction with the MGH DON and the MGH IHP

Plans are to make this a yearly event with the next scheduled on April 5, 2002.

- Build bridge to MGH IHP and MGH DON:
Partnership in the continuing education programs

Co-sponsorship of International Meeting of the International Association for Human Caring, Boston 2002 with both groups

School of Nursing Endowment Fund income transfers to the IHP Nursing Program

Future continuing education meetings may be arranged at the IHP new facility in Charlestown

Writing award for IHP nursing students with publication in the **Alumnae Record**

- Increase communications:

Introduction of **Beyond the Cap**, a newsletter that is mailed to all MGH graduates for whom we have an address regardless of their membership status.

Recruitment of class liaisons to locate “lost” grads

Addition of an email address for the Association: MGHNAA@AOL.com

- Review structure of organization:

Induction of the first Honorary Member at this Homecoming

Exploring other potential membership categories

- Broaden scholarship eligibility:

Exploring ideas of scholarships for specialty certifications, job specific course requirements, etc

Committee looking at possible new scholarship offerings

Diane Smith has done tremendous work in getting permission for the placement of a statue to pay tribute to nursing at the MGH on the Bulfinch lawn. She has been meeting with Nancy Schon, a local artist who designed the “Make Way for Ducklings” sculpture in the Boston Public Garden. She also has worked with people at the MGH to get preliminary approval by the MGH Trustees for the project. The groundwork has been done for the project. The MGHNAA will soon launch a Capital Fund Campaign for this project. A few have asked about making donations today and there is a jar decorated in blue and yellow for any who want to be among the first to contribute.

I cannot thank all the Board members enough for all the help they have given me and for all the hard work they have done.

The NAA future is strong and I look forward to another active and rewarding year!

Jeanne Stahl

Alumnae Secretary

The Alumnae membership for 2001 including the 78 complimentary members is 1,227. Of this number 148 are new members. We did have 169 members that did not renew their membership this year.

Condolences are extended to all family, friends, and classmates of the 27 deceased members.

Our Fund Drive has exceeded expectations and to date we have received \$12,976. This is down significantly from last year.

Our indispensable volunteer, Miriam Huggard continues to devote countless hours to assist in maintaining the Alumnae Office. Special thanks also to Doris Morrisette for her help in keeping the office running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Alumnae Secretary

Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2000 the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association received a total of \$103,780 from bequests, dues, homecoming events, fund drives, donations, interest from bank accounts, and capital appreciation from investments.

For that same period ending December 31, 2000, expenses from the general operations of the Association were \$91,973. Therefore, the Association has a cash increase of \$11,807. For comparative purposes, fiscal 1999 had a surplus of \$194,198.

Fiscal 2000's decrease in net cash flow was primarily due to losses from investments. There were two awards issued, four scholarships issued, and no loans granted over the year.

A copy of the auditor's report is on file in the Alumnae Office and is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariann Vetere
Treasurer

Communications and Publications

Because of the expansion of this committee and the need to more accurately reflect the function of the committee, the Board voted to change the committee name from the Alumnae Record Committee to the Communication and Publications Committee.

Two issues of the **Alumnae Record** were published this past year. This publication only is sent to active and complimentary members of the association. There has been an increase in the amount of news items received. Please remember that items that are not received by the deadline will be included in the next edition. Thank you to all who submit items. If your class never has news listed then you should take it upon yourself to get some news and send it in. The Association has also instituted a new student writing award and the winning article(s) will appear in the **Alumnae Record** starting with the Spring/Summer Edition 2002.

We now have a new publication that goes to all graduates for whom we have addresses called **Beyond the Cap**. The new editor, Patricia Murphy, is working with Jeanne Stahl and Linda Lass Orrell to get two issues per year out. These issues are distributed in between the editions of the Alumnae Record.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass Orrell
Chairperson

Program Committee

The program committee worked to put together two continuing education programs that were held in March and September at the MGH. Both programs were well received and were very successful. The program committee also put together the Saturday Homecoming program with speakers from the MGH and the IHP giving updates to those present.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Smith

Sally Johnson ***Felicia Fullerton Scholarships***

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce that the following nurses were awarded Fullerton scholarships: Deborah Barrio Benvenuto '71 pursuing a BS in Health Care Administration and Elizabeth Carps Stephens '78 pursuing a Masters in a Family

Health Practitioner Program. The Sally Johnson Scholarship was not given and will be allowed to grow financially.

To apply for a scholarship, please contact the Alumnae office for a scholarship form or take the form out of the **Alumnae Record**. The requirements are the following:

- Paid up dues member for 2 years prior to applying for the scholarship and for the duration of the scholarship
- Submit scholarship form before May 1st.
- Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in nursing
- Submit a copy of the course registration before the check can be issued.

Please see the form for additional information on applying. Each nurse is eligible to continue applying for the scholarship awards, depending on tuition costs to a total of \$8,000 over a lifetime.

We wish the current scholarship awardees the best as they pursue their education.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton, chairperson
Lucy Niostel-Tannenbaum
Carolyn Wortman

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund

This year the Loan Fund received no applications for loans.

We continue to offer low interest educational loans (2%) to those returning to school and encourage alumnae to apply. Applications can be obtained from the Alumnae Office or in the Alumnae Record.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Chair

Nominating Committee

Once again this year the nominating committee had to work very hard on recruiting candidates to serve on the Alumnae Association Board. Fortunately there was enough Alumnae willing to serve to fill all openings but we need your support and help in the future.

Please remember if you are interested in becoming more involved with the association and can attend meetings in Boston for 6 Board Meetings a year, please call or write the nominating committee at the Alumnae Office.

Congratulations and welcome to all of the new and returning Board Members and Officers. All of these positions are voluntary and new faces are always welcome and encouraged to participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Vareen O'Keefe-Domaleski

Bertella Tompkins Fund

In the past year the fund has not received any requests for financial assistance for medical needs. We invite graduates in need to contact the committee. Thank you to committee members Dorothy Mahoney and Miriam Huggard.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Chair

Hospitality/Service Committee

We continue to try and keep in touch with older and frail alumnae but we depend on you, the alumnae, keeping us informed of shut-ins and anyone alone or in the hospital who would appreciate hearing from us. Last Christmas we sent small remembrances to about 20 members and Christmas letters to the senior classes.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Huggard
Carolyn Thayer
Co-chairs

IHP Representative/Endowment Fund

The Association continues to maintain a close relationship with the IHP nursing program. The Endowment Fund Committee met and distributed the income from the fund to defray nursing faculty salaries.

The Association also actively participates in the Generalist Completion Ceremony and the Hooding and Graduation Ceremony for the nursing program. We co-sponsored Continuing Education program in the Spring and Fall with the IHP and the Department of Nursing and will co-sponsor again in 2002. Watch for the flyers on the program. The IHP new and permanent home in the Charlestown Navy Yard is almost ready for occupancy.

The Board also voted to start a Student Writing Award that will be given to an IHP Nursing student. The award winning paper will be published in the **Alumnae Record** and the student will receive a cash award as well. This will begin with the Spring/Summer 2002 Edition of the **Alumnae Record**.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass Orrell
Jeanne Stahl
Representative

Homecoming – 2001

Homecoming was attended by 180 alumnae members and guests this year. Special guests were acknowledged at the luncheon: Helen Sherwin, Natalie Petzold, and current students at the IHP who were award recipients.

The reunion year classes were also acknowledged. The oldest class represented was the class of 1935, Sarah McCullough Zilg. The 60th anniversary year, class of 1941 had only one member attending, Helen Walsh Duquette. The 50th anniversary year, class of 1951 had thirty members present. The 45th year anniversary class of 1956 had twenty-one members and the 40th anniversary year class of 1961 had sixteen members present. The class of 1966 celebrating their 35th had seventeen members present, the class of 1971 celebrating their 30th anniversary year had ten members and the class of 1976 had only one member for their 25th. There were two members of the class of 1981 who celebrated their 20th anniversary. There were quite a few members who traveled from California for the Homecoming and all were recognized at the luncheon. Many thanks to the class of 1956 who have \$200 to the Capital Campaign.

The morning program was a 1.5 hour CEU program: Defining the Future of Nursing: It's Up to Us by Jeannette Ives Erickson, Senior Vice President Patient Care Services, MGH. The program was excellent and gave attendees time to offer ideas and suggestions for the money that was donated in the memory of Mary Macdonald.

At the luncheon Ann Caldwell, President of the IHP and Arlene Lowenstein the Director of the Graduate Program in Nursing at the IHP gave an update of the IHP and the nursing

program. The Alumnae also recognized Diane Smith for her work on the Program Committee. She was awarded the Unsung Hero Award from the Board.

The major event of the luncheon was the awarding of Honorary Membership to Miss Helen Sherwin. Jeanne Stahl awarded her a window box frame containing an MGH cap, pin and yellow rose. There was an overwhelming response from all present when the award was announced.

It was a wonderful day and hopefully next year more alumnae will be able to attend.

Homecoming Photos

Photos included in this issue may be ordered through FAYFOTO, 45 Electric Avenue, Boston, MA 02135, telephone 617 267 2000. All reunion year photos should be ordered by year. Copies are available in 5 X 7 size for \$10.00 and 8 X 10 for \$15.00 each. The price includes postage and handling. Orders should include the year and section, a check covering the cost of the order payable to Fayfoto, your full mailing address as well as phone number. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for delivery.

Balfour Items for Sale

Balfour still supplies the MGH nursing pin, to order you need to specify the Spec. Ref.#143990 and the die # S229. The cost plus state and local tax is as follows:
Item 0186 14 k yellow gold at \$190.00, Item 0101 10 k yellow gold at \$145.00
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Mugs	\$10.00
Umbrella Blue	\$15.00

For each order please add \$4.50 to cover postage and handling.

Send your order with a check to cover the items requested to the Alumnae Office.

Please allow 2 - 3 weeks for delivery.

News Notes

The Board is seeking volunteers interested in working on committees. These committees include: the NAA/IHP Mentorship Committee which will look to create a mechanism to facilitate mentors for students at the IHP; the Capital Campaign Committee that will seek to explore ways to do creative fund raising to create a tribute to nurses at the MGH; and the Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee that will seek creative ways to increase and maintain our membership and broaden the scope of what we are able to offer members.

The Membership group is already actively looking at creating class liaisons to the Board who will be able to track and locate missing classmates and help to get out mailing list as current and updated as possible. If you would be interested in this committee contact Margery Eramo through the Alumnae Office.

We received the following emails from Gregg Barr, an Australian RN and nurse historian after the September 11th events. "Our hearts go out to the people of America following the act of cowardly terrorism towards the USA. We watch with disbelief and witness the tragic loss of life through stupid acts of violence. Australia is in a state of shock and disbelief that our friends have suffered so greatly." 9/12/01 and then "Australians are deeply affected by this tragedy and declaration of war against our friends. As we speak of the events our eyes shed tears. God bless and protect American and all she stands for." 9/14/01

Save the Date - Save the Date - Save the Date - Save the Date - Save the Date

On Friday April 5, 2002 the NAA will cosponsor a full day continuing education program with the Department of Nursing at the MGH and the Institute of Health Professions. This will be an inexpensive high quality program that will attract many and we know that the space we have is limited. So save the date and when you get the flyer in the mail register immediately. This is one program that will sell out - so make sure that you are not left out.

Worcester County MGH Club

Janet MacMillan '62
110 Elmwood Street
Auburn, MA 01501
508 799 5160

Yes, the Worcester County MGH Club is alive and well. We last met in May 2001 at O'Connor's Restaurant for lunch. Unfortunately Annette Desmaris, our leader for many years, has resigned due to health concerns. Annette was presented with a gift of appreciation for her years of service. We all wish her the very best.

We would like to see more MGH grads at our gatherings. If anyone out there knows any grads in the area, please contact me.

We meet twice a year, May and October, for lunch and conversation. Hope to hear from some new folks.

News from the MGH Department of Nursing. . .

Jeanette Ives Erickson, MS, RN Senior Vice President for Patient Care Services and Chief Nurse was awarded the annual Mary B. Conceison Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership. This award is given to recognize outstanding leadership within the Massachusetts Organization of Nurse Executives and the American Organization of Nurse Executives.

She also was one of only two nurses included in the book **Has Jane Won** which focused on 55 successful women in the United States. This book is the next installment of the best seller **See Jane Win**. Both are worth reading if you get a chance. The May 21, 2001 edition of **Nursing Spectrum** featured her on the cover and a lengthy interview about her inclusion in the books.

She is a dedicated professional who advises all to find a mentor and be a mentor to keep our profession alive and strong.

The Alumnae Association, the MGH Department of Nursing, and the MGH IHP are co-sponsors with the International Association for Human Caring for the International Conference "Creating Caring Environments" to be held at the Radisson Hotel, Boston May 23 -24, 2002. The conference promises to be exceptional. For more information contact Barbara Rogers at the IHP or via email CaringConference@Partners.org

The August 2001 issue of the National Safety Council publication *OSHA up to date* had a one-page article titled "Congress finds stress a factor in nursing shortage" that focused on the fact that nurses are stressed out. Both the occupational burn out and the physical demands of the job were stated as two major reasons for nurses leaving nursing. Because there will be an estimated shortage of over 450,000 nurses within the next 7 years, congress is currently introducing three bills that would address the shortage and the issues of job stress. Watch for information on these bills and be proactive by advocating for governmental action that will decrease the stress and shortage in nursing.

Remember if you have an item of news in general send it along to the editor for possible inclusion in the **Alumnae Record**.

MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association Student Paper Award

The MGHNAA is accepting submissions from the students of the MGHIHP Graduate Program in Nursing for the Student Paper Award. The awards will be made in October and May annually. Deadline for submission is October 10 and May 10 each year. The purpose of this award is to provide a mechanism by which to recognize outstanding students for creative and innovative writing skills in defining what nursing is to them or a topic of current interest in nursing. The winning paper will be recognized as follows:

- A \$500 cash award
- The paper will be published in the **Alumnae Record**

Eligibility and Requirements:

This award is open to all students of the MGHIHP Graduate Program in Nursing at the time of submission deadline.

The paper must be submitted in electronic form for publication (word or rich text format) to Lindaorrell@aol.com and to MGHNAA@aol.com by October 10 for the fall award and by May 10 for the spring award. The paper should not exceed 10 pages including references, tables, and figures. Include your name, email address, mailing address, and phone number with the submission.

Review Criteria:

The Communications and Publications Committee of the MGHNAA will review papers and decisions will be up to the discretion of the committee. The decisions will focus on the ideas presented, writing style, and the general interest of the topic to the members of the Alumnae Association.

Notification:

All submissions will be notified by email when the submission is received and the winning award recipient will be notified by email and in written form within two weeks after the submission deadline.

Across the Board . . .

These are not all inclusive but we hope will give you a better idea of the members you elected that are working for you on the Board. The following are mini portraits of half of the elected members of the board.

Vice President:

Barbara Dunderdale is a 1963 graduate who continued on to get a BS in Nursing Magna Cum Laude in 1987 from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences and a Masters in Business Administration in 1994 from Anna Maria College. She worked in the Department of Nursing at the MGH for 37 years, retiring in January of 2001. She was a staff nurse on general wards, supervisor and manager in medical, surgical and surgical trauma units. She has chaired the Nursing Management Committee and served on The International Patient and Family Center Committee. She stresses the “great pride and great privilege “ she it was to serve under the direction of Jeanette Ives Erikson. She has been married for 37 years and has two sons and three grandchildren. Her hobbies include GOLF, travel, reading and gardening. Although she says she is adjusting to retirement, she has just agreed to take on a short-term commitment in the Development Office at the MGH. She has served the Alumnae Association over the years in many capacities and is returning to the Board after a long absence.

Treasurer:

Maryann Vetere is a 1978 graduate who has worked at the MGH most of her career, currently as a part time staff nurse in the Cardiac Care Step Down Unit. She has also worked for Cardiac Care Equipment manufacturers as a trainer and in writing procedure manuals as well as doing outside training for schools and worksites. She is married and has 4 sons who occupy much of her time and energy.

Board Members:

Elizabeth “Beth” Mooney Blackington Freidlander graduated in 1980 and then received her BSN Cum Laude in 1982 from St Anselm College, a MSN in 1988 from the Adult Nurse Practitioner Program at Simmons College, and a certificate post-master’s Family Nurse Practitioner Program from Simmons College in 1993. She is currently a PhD student at Capella University majoring in Education with specialization in Instructional Design for Distance Learning. She worked in various areas of nursing from staff nurse at MGH and St Elizabeth’s Hospital to work as both an Adult and a Family Nurse Practitioner in Cambridge, Boston, and Winchester. She also taught in various nursing programs and is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Graduate Program in

Nursing at the MGH IHP. She has published and presented widely over her career. She is newly married and has two children.

Diane Smith is a 1966 graduate who then received a BA in Sociology from Emmanuel College. In 1974 she was one of the early pioneer Nurse Practitioners from the MGH program and worked in the Ambulatory Care setting at MGH. She feels that these educational experiences let her on a path of great career and personal successes, touching people's lives in a way few people are able to do. Her work experience includes ambulatory care, college health as the Director of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Director of an Alzheimer's Unit and a brief time in both the Emergency Room and the Operating Room. She is now delighted to be back at the MGH where she says nursing and medicine are always on the cutting edge and of the highest standards. The MGH has had a profound and positive influence on her life. She has been on the Board for the past few years and is now looking forward to the next few years as she works toward the completion of the nursing sculpture on the Bulfinch lawn as a wonderful legacy from the MGH School of Nursing.

The IHP Corner . . .

In a letter from Ann Caldwell:

"As you know, we had planned a "hard hat" party and celebration of the Catherine Filene Shouse Building on September 12th to thank trustees and donors whose generosity is making its renovation possible.

For various reasons, it has proved too difficult to reschedule our "hard hat" celebration, even though there is much to celebrate in the building's progress. The construction work remains on schedule for a late December completion and move, and our fundraising efforts recently topped the \$3 million mark with a generous commitment from the Taylor Family to name one of the nursing labs. And we are beginning to plan the formal dedication of the building and celebration of the Institutes' 25th anniversary in June 2002.

Now, more than ever, it seems appropriate that the Institute's new home will be this sturdy symbol which has stood for 135 years. And while we know with greater clarity than ever that buildings are impermanent structures, we also know that the human spirit endures. All of us at the Institute are determined to carry on the important work that we do as educators and health care professionals, aware that the Institute is a place where each one of us matters."

MGH IHP Graduate Program in Nursing Update

by Arlene Lowenstein PHD, RN at the Homecoming Luncheon:

Students – We currently have 199 students in the Nursing Program. All of our 3rd year students passed state boards. Our pass rates have run 96 – 100% for first time takers, and those very few who did not pass have been successful on the second try. Our graduates also score well above the national average on advanced practice NP certification exams. Since entry-level students do not have summer classes, most work full time as RNs, and we have had 25 working at MGH this year. Many continue to work part time during their last year in school. Therefore, when they graduate they have over a year's experience as a registered nurse, but they are new to practicing as a nurse practitioner. Entry-level students in the summer between the first and second year often work as patient care assistants, and most are working at MGH. There are 50 entry-level students in the new first year class. Nine (18%) are men. As usual they bring a wide variety of valuable life and educational experiences, to share with each other, their patients and faculty. I would like to tell you about a project designed by students taking the community health course. By going on the web to a site called www.uniteforkids.com and clicking on "about us" you will find a website designed by our students to provide information, assistance and referrals for parents and service providers working with children exposed to violence. The students received a grant to develop the site, and it became a scholarly project for one of the students. The site is up and running and maintained by the Child Witness to Violence Project. It is a wonderful example of the leadership our students provide to nursing and our community.

Faculty – Our faculty has been very productive. Seven faculty members and four students contributed chapters and examples to my book on Innovative Teaching Strategies in Nursing, which was published this year. Dr. Inge Corless completed a book on a history of hospice care, and a number of faculty have published journal articles. Four faculty are working with a project, currently in grant review with the National Institute of Nursing Research, that will educate Nurse Practitioners to assess elderly patients for signs of dysphagia, or difficulty swallowing, and to refer or plan care to address this major problem that often causes malnutrition, aspiration and pneumonia. The program is unique in that we will be following up with the nurse practitioners through once a month on-line case conferences. Faculty has been working with Domestic Violence issues and research on spirituality and health. Faculty has been active in international health care and nursing education efforts and traveled to China, England and South Africa. Four faculty members are competing doctoral study, two of those through a distance-learning program. By going through that type of program they have been very helpful in assisting us to set up our distance learning efforts, which brings me to our programs.

Programs – We have begun a graduate level certificate program in HIV/AIDS that is being offered through distance learning. This is our first foray into that educational milieu, and we will be working with Pat Sparks to develop other areas appropriate to

distance education. Our newest specialty programs in Psych/Mental Health and Acute Care are in operation and going well, and I think you will be pleased to hear that we have embarked on a planning process to institute an RN to MSN program for diploma and associate degree nurses. Hopefully you will hear more about that this year. We are very excited about moving into our new building, which will have two nursing labs and state of the art classrooms to help us take advantage of the technological revolution, but at the same time maintaining our focus on providing excellent and personalized nursing care for our patients and their families.

Lastly, I want to tell you that I will be retiring from my position as Director of the Nursing Program at the end of this school year, but I expect to stay on faculty. I will turn 65 in a week and a half, a major milestone for me, but will continue teaching, researching and writing. This has been a wonderful experience for me, and I cherish it and those I have worked with over the past five years. I am very proud of the way our program has grown and it will be exciting to see it and the MGH IHP continue to grow in the future. Dr. Kevin Kearns, Director of the Communication and Speech Disorders Program is chairing the search committee. If you have suggestions for candidates for this position, please contact him. I would also be pleased to answer any questions about the position. Just a personal note – I will be attending my own Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing reunion in three weeks. This will be my 45th reunion, and those days are still fresh in my memory. Much of what nurses do now had changed as technology, knowledge and the health care system has developed, but many of the overall values (and even some of the procedures) that we learned in those years in caring for patients and those that made us want to be nurses remain and have been strengthened. I know you will, as I do, enjoy and cherish talking about your school experiences. They are very special. You can also be proud of where we have come from and where we are going, as we bring new nurses into the profession and prepare our students in leadership in practice for the benefit of our patients, their families, communities and our society.

Matching Gifts

Today more companies are letting employees determine where their charitable donation dollars are spent. This is done through a “Matching Gift” program. The major criteria most corporations have to determine if donations can be matched is that the donation is to a designated 501c-3 non-profit organization. The company also required that the organization receiving the funds fill out their matching gift form and return it with the proper tax information for their records.

If the company you work for offers a “Matching Gift” program, remember your donations to the Alumnae Association are probably eligible. Check your company policy today. Then when you send your donation, send us the company form for matching funds and we will do the rest. Help the scholarship funds grow by doubling your donation through the Matching Gift program where you work.

In Memorium

1927	Alice Harris Fullerton on February 18, 2001.
1930	Louine Lunt Peck on May 28, 2001.
1933	Doris Eileen Preble Lecain on April 18, 2001
1935	Helene Salmi Cahalane on July 2001.
1936	Phyllis Paton Welch on October 16, 2001.
1937	Marion Decker Gibson on October 1999.
1937	Marjorie Hill Sholes on July 7, 2001.
1940	Mary Spinney Lowe on May 19, 2001.
1942	Viola Chase McGinn on April 11, 2001.
1946	Darlene Wilken Bernzen on July 10, 2001.
1946	Edna Lois Wolcott Rodriques on August 2001.
1947	Theresa Mahoney Regan on May 29, 2001.
1948	Jean Stockwell Patch on January 23, 2001.
1948	Ret Lt Col Margaret Higgins on June 26, 2001.

Scholarships and Loan Funds

The last two pages of this edition include the applications and requirements for both the scholarship monies and the loan funds available from the Alumnae Association for active members. Please read them and if you are in school or are returning to school and are eligible for either submit your application by the deadline dates listed.

Applications should be sent to the Alumnae Office, Att: Scholarship or Loan Fund. If you have any additional questions call Carolyn Thayer at the Alumnae Office.

Alumnae Board Retreat Day

On Friday November 2, 2001 the members of the Board of the Association met at the Alumnae Office to review the strategic plan formulated last year and to further explore issues that were open from last year. It was a long and productive meeting.

The five major goals from the 2000 Strategic Plan and the continuing action items for each are reviewed below:

- Increase Communications within and between organizations
Beyond the Cap was formally introduced and will be an ongoing publication of the association. New item areas in the newsletters were started and more will be continued this year.

A major push was started to find class reps and find missing alumnae but more work will be needed and so this will be an ongoing project with the exploration of the possible use of classmates.com as another approach.

An electronic Communications Committee, although not active yet will be activated - but the association did obtain an email address for faster and more efficient communication with members.

- Expand and enhance continuing education for the associations constituency
The group worked to get two CEU programs over the past year – both very successful and this will continue

The area of expanding CE offerings or certification programs has been put on hold as other areas of the strategic plan are higher priority at this time

- Broaden the scope of scholarship eligibility
This area still has a great deal to do from the original action plan. The forms for application were revised and now the committee will look at the budget, eligibility criteria, and activities to be covered. The projected time line will be by the next annual meeting.

- Building Bridges to both the MGHIHP and the MGH Department of Nursing
There has been active exploration of ways to increase the interaction with both groups. One major area that was under discussion and was finalized at the November 2nd meeting was a major gift to the MGHIHP in the form of money for the capital building campaign for the new Catherine Filene Shouse Building to house the IHP at the Charlestown Navy Yard. The Board vote was to fund the new and expanded Ruth Sleeper Learning Center and to fund the historical display area in the lobby of the building.

- Review the organizational structure of the organization

The first “honorary member” was selected at Homecoming, Helen Sherwin and the Board is working on the recipient(s) for next year. The other areas including Bylaw changes will be put on hold until a later.

Alumnae Contribution to the Catherine Filene Shouse Building New Home of the MGH IHP

The Board voted unanimously to use funds that were available in the Bertella Tompkins Fund to support the campaign to build/renovate the new home of the IHP. Currently there is a Ruth Sleeper Media Center at the IHP and this will be moved to the new building. The IHP will be expanding the size and scope of this area and creating the Ruth Sleeper Learning Center. The center is a multimedia technology laboratory providing research, reference material, and computer support services to faculty and students and it serves as a gateway to a vast array of information resources. It will consist of two adjacent rooms in order to offer both quiet study and research space and an area for reference materials with a part time reference librarian.

In addition to the donation for the Ruth Sleeper Learning Center, the Board also voted to supply money to alarm and maintain the historical and current nursing area of the display case area that will be in the lobby of the building. This will also mean that some of the collection of memorabilia owned by the Association will be available for this display.

The Board was delighted to be able to finally give a gift that is visible. In the past scholarships and other funds were not as easily visible to alumnae, although they were substantial.

The dedication of the building will be in June, although the school hopes to move in well before then. Watch for more information in future issues.

Capital Campaign Update

At the Board retreat on November 2nd, the artist, Nancy Schon, gave a presentation of her initial research into the proposed sculpture to sit on the Bulfinch Lawn. As a sculptress she is extremely well known in the area and many of you who have been to Boston (or even Moscow) will know her work. Her work includes: The Ducklings (from *Make Way for Ducklings*) in the Boston Public Garden and the other ducklings that are in a park in Moscow; The Tortoise and Hare at Copley Square, and Eeyore and soon Pooh Bear at the Newton Free Library Children's patio.

She is gathering research to be better able to sculpt a picture of nursing at the MGH. Although the final concept has not been seen we are certain that the school and what we are will be easily seen in the final work. The Association has received approval to proceed with the project from the MGH Trustees who have agreed to let us place the sculpture on the lawn.

At Homecoming, Diane Smith, the chair of the Capital Campaign, spoke to the group about the project and donations have already started to be received. This is a major undertaking and one that we hope all alumnae will participate in by donating to the project.

Although the final concept is not available, the Board did speak with the artist who has agreed to make a small number of miniature reproductions of the original. Because the number will be small they will not be for sale but will be available to any who donate \$2000 or more to the project (either in one check or in installments over the next year). There will be other items available for lesser donations that will be announced in future capital campaign mailings.

Donations are already being received so make your plans today to donate and send in your donation to the Alumnae Office.

Watch for future mailings on this very exciting project.

Homecoming 2002

Next year Homecoming will again be at the Radisson Hotel Boston. In order to assist reunion years and those coming from a distance we have secured a room block at the hotel at a reduced rate of \$189.00 single or double occupancy (parking is additional). Space available is limited so

call soon to make your reservations. You should call the hotel directly at 617 482 1800 or the toll free reservation number 800 333 3333. When making your reservation asking for the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association Group rate. Space is very limited so book early and the hotel has already said that reservations made after September 4, 2002 will only be on a space available basis and **not** at the group rate but at the prevailing room rate.

Class News

February 1946

A note was received from Dorothy Bickford Caulfield: "Our class of February '46 had a meager showing of only 5. Several members were attending weddings, others were far away in distant states. We had a jolly time reminiscing, but were not recognized from the podium (it would have been nice).

Darlene Wilken Bernzen died on July 10, 2001. She was 84 and had come into nursing slightly our senior. I will be 78 this December.

I leave you with a bit of amazing information. Helen Mooney Guines had twelve children – all alive and well. When we gather for our reunions I always ask her 'how many grandchildren?' This year it is 37 going for 40! (three pregnant daughter-in-laws) can you believe it!

My husband and I had three sons, but I have only one grandson and he is only 6!

February 1947

Helen McCoy
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Happy Fall 'Girls'. Getting colder here every day. Just returned from Concord and Homecoming. Only Annia, Yvonne and me this year. Joined at lunch by Elsie Tait, Kay Dee ('48) and some of her classmates. Mary Wallace moved that day to Dublin, NH. Barbara Watson was iff and we missed Barbara Grant and Chris Christopher, who often join us.

Lou and Betty Andersen Carrier stopped en route to Naples, Fl. They drove to Lorton VA and took the night train. I hope they will stop on their return trip.

I'm hoping George and Yvonne will stop in early November en route to South Carolina for their vacation. Their daughter lives there so they get to visit her, their new grandson, and wonderful weather.

Glenna had a stroke, hospital, rehab and now back home in Manchester, CT. I have her address for anyone who wants it.

In June, a bunch of us met at Betty Andersen's in Dennis, MA – Mary Wallace, Yvonne, Ann Walsh, Jean Barrows, Barbara Watson, Sally Thorndyke, Reena Battistone, their husbands, Annia and me. Super Day!!! Sally and Reena in from California. Great cookout and talk, talk, talk!!

Colin and Jean Barrows McDougall visit the Carriers in Naples every winter.

I got a wonderful picture of Ginny Humphries and all her family. I would not know her if I passed her on the street!

I hear from Esther Reade, remarried and settled in Columbus, Indiana.

Girls, please write me your news. Plan on Homecoming 2002 – our 55th anniversary. We want you there!!

1947

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Dorothy Perry Curran and Rena were the only two from our section at homecoming this year. The presentations at the meeting were very interesting, the luncheon pleasing, and everyone very conversational. We even got to greet Rose Scolaro, remember White 8 surgical ! Yours truly won the centerpiece, a lovely bouquet in an MGHNAA mug.

On the following Monday 8 of our local group gathered at the Dandelion Green in Burlington. Here are the notes they each jotted down:

Anita Humphries Kester- just home from a Mediterranean tour from Barcelona to Istanbul (after - not during the quake). Edna Gisecke Bartel is now in a rehab center in NH, following an accident that fractured her leg while she was vacationing in Germany. Coincidentally, Dot Perry had worked in the same facility a few years ago while she was

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Homecoming Photos 2001



Jeanne Stahl presenting Ms Helen Sherwin with the first Honorary Membership Award



**the head table: Carolyn Thayer, Jeanne Stahl
Arlene Lowenstein, Ann Caldwell**



Early classes and guests at the luncheon







Class of 1976 with Helen Sherwin and Natalie Petzold

living in NH, blessings for a quick recovery Edie.

Other news:

MARY ROGERS MURPHY, 55 WORCESTER ST., SOUTHBRIDGE,MA. 01550
- Just moved from Needham to above address, much closer to one of my son's family, including my 3 yr old great granddaughter who is my joy, I am happily retired.

Janet Burdett Flaherty- Enjoying my retirement from Boston College, keeping active with golf, ILR, and bridge.

Dorothy Perry Curran- came up to Hamilton MA to visit children over summer. Have a winter client I care for 2 nights a week, 6 children & grandkids who visit over the winter, Enjoyed the MGH reunion!!!

Shirley Boynton Cotter-Arlington, MA. Work 3 days in a Nursing home. I have 3 children and 8 grandkids, life is good.

Charlotte Poole Dawson- Enjoyed lunch with 7 former classmates. Lots of fun- good friends and good conversation. Bob& I spend our summers in Rockport and winter in ESTERO FL. We have 4 daughters and 5 grand children, life is good!

Pat Foley Bailey- Finally retired as Supervisor from The Malden Hospital. Enjoy traveling –Shirl Cotter and I are going to Ireland in Feb. - spending winters in Boca Raton FL. with occasionally.

Rena Bower - Keeping busy helping out caring for my one and only grandchild - a girl. I'm big Rena she's little Rena 9 yrs old-great fun. Hubby is retired again- third time already. I work 21/2 hrs. a week doing the BP clinic at the Town Board of Health , also a volunteer driver for the Senior Center for medical transporting. I've been retired 4 yrs, cannot believe how time flies- just attended my 55th high school reunion in Spencer,MA. Would love to get more news for next issue hint-hint.

We all grieve for and send our deepest sympathies to Tres Mahoney Regan and her family. There were two deaths this past summer, her son Michael twin to Patrick, and her husband Tom.

February 1949

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Autumn Greetings,

Giving credence to the saying “No news is good news” accounts for the scarcity of our class input. I hope that is true but anything in our 21 lives is of interest; our health and our spouse’s, our regular activities, volunteering, the progress and hopefully good fortune of our children and grandchildren.

Our summer was hot and lazy, hard to leave the air-conditioned house but we maintained the yard and gardens and pool. We enjoyed the usual family visits, and cookouts, Nancy and I went to New York for the U.S. Tennis Open and that was my summer trip.

All pretty routine we may say until the horror of the second “day of infamy” in our lives which took such a toll in NY city. I hope no one of you had anyone involved in that unspeakable act of war. We lost three young men from Wethersfield, one of which was the husband of a nurse friend. I read in one of my nursing magazines that the MGH had a disaster group assembled and “ready to go”. The Caring Headlines reported that “our” group was deployed to NY city at the request of the federal government and were able to help at Ground Zero.

My daughters working in Connecticut hospitals were put on alert etc.. But sadly we now know that there wasn’t much need for nursing care. Our grandson Kevin is a junior at the University of Connecticut and I think of the other five grandsons getting older as we see a war ahead.

In June, a group of us, Dot Flaherty, Clara Sellon, Dot Iwanicki, Nancy Sanella and I met at Rom’s in Sturbridge and had a lovely lunch and a happy visit.

I spoke with Clara and all is well there. Her sister Alice whom we’ve met is at a supervised living facility in California and doing well there. She has Parkinson’s Disease. Clara and Charlie are leaving soon for their California family (R & R) visit. Daughter Carol and her children still live with them.

Podée sounds very content and busy. She and Stewart drove to Colorado in May in their new P.T. Cruiser and stayed for three weeks with their son Harvey. Their grandson Werner is at Colorado University studying architecture. Her granddaughter Emily is doing well at the University of Massachusetts. After another sinus surgery she acquired a very expensive but effective expectorant machine which replaces the chest thumping. She copes so well with C.F.

Dot Flaherty is feeling well and enjoying her grandchildren especially baby Shannon. Dot gets to Colorado frequently to visit her son Brian.

Barbie McCann and I telephone each other and she always sounds the same: happy, content, always with a sense of humor, and no complaints from her. Hopefully she is well now but has lost weight and copes with diabetes and a low HCT. We reminisce about Boston and MGH and my visits to Dallas when she was there. Her corrected address is: 45 Knox Road, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609-9734.

Haven’t heard from Jane Seeling this year but I know she and Fred are still in Nebraska as is their son Paul. Debbie is in Indiana and Heidi is here in Connecticut.

Larry started his 15th year teaching math and still enjoys it. Otherwise he is busy with the pool and minor house maintenance and of course his computer. (I am still without this expertise.) I enjoy my friends, bridge clubs, fairs and antique shows and of course the grandchildren and housework (which is pretty basic). I am knitting baby blankets for the "Linus" organization. I have a bad knee that limits walking and I can't walk fast at all. Stairs are rough. I am finally having it evaluated next week. I'm not looking forward to surgery but---?

Enjoy our beautiful fall scenery, keep well and pray for peace. Happy holidays ahead and please keep in touch.

September 1951

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And a grand time was held by all who attended our 50th. Eighteen from our section and I believe ten from February. Thanks to hard work by Olga Sadotti Asson, we presented the Ruth Sleeper Scholarship with \$1500 from 45 of us from both sections! Sorry more of you couldn't have joined us on Cape Cod! The weather thankfully was perfect, the ocean – view cottages charming, the clambake delicious and plentiful and the minivan transportation to and from Boston with uniformed driver was quite comfortable, convenient and inexpensive, thanks to Olga's generosity. She spent a deposit for a cottage and a clambake for herself and 2 daughters, but they decided to cancel after the Events of September 11th and insisted I use the money towards the reunion, so it paid for a good part of the van. Ginny Pierobello Sabin, Shirley Duncan Driscoll and I shared a three-bedroom cottage, which became Headquarters for the weekend cocktails, dinners and Sunday morning breakfast. It was such fun for all to be together again! Joan McCarthy Peterson apparently hasn't forgotten one-minute detail of our 3 years at MGH and reminded us of things long (and sometimes best!) forgotten. She and husband Pete shared a three-bedroom cottage with Mary Sargent Mackin and husband Ed; Mary Thistle Chemini and Dodie Stone Bergeron shared a two bedroom, as did Nat Quirk Meaney and her 2 gorgeous daughters. My husband Chuck joined us for the clambake and he and Pete talked all evening as did Ed Mackin.

On Saturday we found the rest of our class at the Radisson and attended the program about big changes in the nursing profession, then adjourned to the luncheon, where we sat at 3 tables. Some who couldn't attend had sent notes that were passed around. We posed for class pictures which came out well. We were also given a key ring with our MGH pin attached that can be removed and worn on a chain. Quit lovely! Later some of us walked to MGH and paid a pilgrimage to the Ether Dome. We tried to have a tour of the EW but were told we'd have to set up a time for a formal tour which I tried to do months ago, only to be told there were no formal tours. Catch 22!

Here's news from the absentees:

Marion Kelleher Evans had planned to come but a few weeks before a close friend in Welfleet lost her husband so Kel stayed with her for a couple of weeks and didn't feel she could come back from Virginia again.

Dora Capetti Crawford will be getting ready to leave for Florida closing up her house.

Mary Carlson Campion had surgery and doing well – taking a trip for their anniversary. She and Bob have 8 children, 16 grandchildren and 3 great grand children! Anyone beat that?

Shirley Macek Ellefsen saw Eleanor Lynch in Boston a few weeks ago and got a grand tour of MGH. All they recognized was the clock in the white Building!

Ellen Bowen Bellissimo couldn't make it due to husband's health problems.

Gretchen Gearhard Lamén has Parkinson's Disease and ironically so does Dottie Burke Jeschke!

Johanna Strauss Billing-Meyer was getting ready for the Art show. Her note was written on notepaper, the front of which had a beautiful watercolor painting that she'd sold last year.

Nancy Anderson Whytehead sent greetings from Manitoba. She doesn't have Parkinson's but essential tremors and is retired.

Mary Hagerty Ford had a prior commitment to attend Ralph's navy reunion. Her Email address is MFORD16372@aol.com.

Janet Stocks Moore and Bill went to Italy, England and Scotland.

Fran Egan Johnson had foot surgery, and was laid up for 6 weeks.

Barbara Whitlock Sutherland had an auto accident and was in a neck brace for months.

Carol Smith Vece has a varicose ulcer & vasculitis.

Bea Merz McHugh had a slight stroke plus a fall on stairs. No major damage but has been in frail health for years.

Viola Perscchino Cataffe expressed regrets and best wishes to all.

Joan Summer couldn't make it but invites all to come visit her. She lives near Biloxi MS telephone 228-872-3140.

Gloria Gilson Kolb wrote that she and Jim helped start a new Baptist Church and he is also vice-chairman of the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum, arranging air shows, demonstrations, fly-ins, etc. Gloria bemoans the fact that hands on nursing has become more paper work than patient care. I am sure most of us agree that although we worked and studied very hard, we wouldn't have missed those grueling days and nights for anything. Although we've changed physically over the years, we still have our MGH spirit!

If anyone would like an updated list of Sept. Classmates' addresses, or know of one that's missing please let me know! See you at the 60th!!

September 1952

It is past time to plan our 50th. As many of you know, several of the class of '51 gathered at the Cape and took a van to Boston for the luncheon. If you have thoughts regarding this, please let Joanie Mac and/or me know. Most importantly, we are gathering e-mail addresses. Please send any you know (or any you can obtain with a phone call) to jmcmanha@worldnet.att.net or Gracep106@AOL.com. Thanks. Start planning!!!

1955

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In the last issue we overlooked a long Christmas letter from Judy Anderson Shopf. She and Jere are still living in Covington, LA. Jere had retired but is now working full time on a two-year commitment. Judy said she had become used to having him around and was sorry to see him return to work. The Shopfs have five daughters. Judith, the youngest, was married in December. Judy reports that they now have thirteen grandchildren and three dogs. She said they now have to rent two houses at Navarre Beach for the family vacation.

A note this summer from Barbara Fox Kaslow said that she and Jack had just returned from a Boston to Bermuda cruise. They spent three weeks in July at Hampton Beach with a granddaughter. Barbara has two sons that are married and a third has just become engaged. She still is doing volunteer work for Neighbors in Need food pantries and is active in church activities in Andover, MA where they reside.

It took us a long time to find Pat Allen McMillin but she is now a faithful correspondent. Pat's younger daughter, Jill, had her third child and first girl in April. She lives near Pat at the Cape. Her older daughter, Debbie, visited this summer and her son Mark stayed behind to work for Jill for the remainder of the summer vacation.

Kathy Renehan Gilligan said that she ran into Marie Donovan Kent at the Cape this summer. They were surprised to find they had homes near each other there.

Undeterred by the current hesitations to travel and the advice of their children, Bunny Codi Raak and Ray left on September 24th for a month in France on an Elderhostel program. Taking courage from them and also leaving anxious children, Aline Flynn Sullivan and David left shortly after for three weeks in Turkey.

Bunny, Aline, and Audrey Hatch Dunn have taken numerous trips with Elderhostel. As we mentioned in the last issue we are trying to organize a trip with Elderhostel for September, 2005 in conjunction with our fiftieth anniversary. Bunny has been speaking with Elderhostel regarding sites and programs. This will most likely be in the U.S. and one that will take into account that some classmates or their traveling companions may have some physical limitations. Bunny is looking for suggestions and input. Anyone that may be interested should send any ideas on programs and/or destinations to her. Her address is:

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September 1956

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Fourteen members of our class enjoyed our 45th Homecoming on Sept 29, 2001

Donna Craddock Adams
Elizabeth Svagzdys Boland
Carol Foss Bradford
Sandra Young Brown
Marie Dionne Cantwell
Janet DiBona
Barbara Doyle Herlihy-Chevalier
Marian Winqvist Kinzinger
Mary York Mallory

Margeret-Mary Gunning O' Mara
Phyllis Delano Skinner
Prudence Thatcher Stewart
Edith Wheeler Shedd
Gloria Cepetelli Cohen

We had a grand time chatting and looking at old photographs.

Carol Bradford received two awards. The first was an umbrella with the MGH logo for being one of the alumnae who traveled the furthest and the second, an MGH mug with flowers in it, for having the nearest birthday to Sept 29 of those sitting at the table. Thanks to the Alumnae Association for both prizes. And if I may say so, we were a great, young looking, smart and gorgeous group.

A "thank you" to Joan Scoggins for the box of roasted pecans. I made my first pecan pies ever... much better than any restaurants! And another thank you to Charlotte Pfeil for another set of paper dolls for my collection.

My son and his girlfriend have been trying to drag me into the computer age for years... kicking and screaming on my part. When I arrived home from Boston, I walked into the house and wondered who had changed the furniture around... and there was the computer with "all the fixins" including individualized instructions just for me. So far, I can turn it on and off and play a hot game of solitaire.

I will be happy to put any news you send in the Alumnae Record, so join the Alumnae! And here's looking forward to our 50th!

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Donna Craddock Adams, Duck Hill Lane, Marshfield MA 02050

Donna said it has been one of the most hectic springs ever for her. She graduated from Harvard University Extension School cum laude and was the winner of the school's Santo Joseph Aurelio Prize, which recognizes academic achievement and character. She received her BS in Nursing from Emmanuel College in 1999 and retired in June 2001 from St Elizabeth's Hospital after more than thirty years of service. She is now planning to pursue a career as a motivational speaker. She and her husband have been married for twenty-one years and have seven children and eight and one half grandchildren. Their favorite hobbies are skiing, sailing, running and golf.

Edith Wheeler Shedd, PO Box 125, East Calais, VT 05650-0125

Edie writes that she has been married forty- five years to Warner. They have three children and three grand children, Edie and Warner live in a log house which they built. She worked part time when the children were little and then was "out of nursing" for twenty years doing her husband's secretarial work. Edie took a refresher course and went back to work in Home Health, doing Hospice for seven of the ten years. She retired in 1990 but is still working one day a week this summer. Her husband has a published book called " Owls aren't wise and bats aren't blind". Sounds interesting.

Barbara Adams McAlpine, 49 Arnold Road, Wellesley Hills, Ma 02481-2819

Barbara graduated from Hood College and the MGH School of Nursing five-year program, obtaining a BS in Nursing. She married Fred McAlpine following graduation and they have three children. Barbara was a stay-at-home mom while the children were growing up and did volunteer work during that time. A refresher course in 1980 interested Barbara in returning to nursing on the Neurology Unit at St. Elizabeth's in Brighton, Ma. She then transferred to their residence nursing home in Wellesley Hills,

working the night shift in both facilities. Barbara retired in 1993. Barbara's interests are needlework, including Japanese embroidery, gardening, traveling and enjoying six grandchildren.

Margaret Johnstone Watt, 368 Goodhill Road, Weston, CT 06883-1830

Margaret writes that she has been married for forty-three years. They have four children and seven grandchildren. She worked at Memorial Sloan Kettering in NYC as a staff nurse in New Jersey. She also went to school at a local state college. She volunteered in various projects including establishment of inner city preschool in New Jersey, health clinics in a shelter for runaway children and developed /supervised a group of pregnant and post partum women addicted to crack cocaine. Currently she is a founding board member of a group to assist low-income women in finding and keeping jobs. She and her husband travel extensively and she enjoys tennis.

Joan Carkeek Voitko, 610 Atlantic Avenue, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

After graduating from MGH, Joan returned to New Jersey and worked as a staff nurse and then a nursing instructor. During this time she was a graduate student in the nursing program at Columbia University. Joan married Andrew Chack in 1960. They had three children. Joan completed a masters degree in the mid 1970's and accepted a position in Staff Development in a medical center and then the position of Director of Nursing for fifteen years. Joan resigned her DON Position and went into long-term care, obtaining her certification in Assisted Living Administration. Andrew died suddenly in 1984 and Joan was busy with work and raising her children. She is now a grandmother of two. Joan married the widower pastor of her church in 1997. As Paul was semi-retired, she retired from full time nursing and is now working as a consultant. Paul and Joan travel, attend plays and musicals and enjoy playing the piano.

Marian Winquist Kinzinger, 2428 Linksman Lane, Warrington, PA 18976

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Marian writes that she and Walt retired in 1993 and moved back to the Philadelphia area. The year 2000 was their 40th wedding anniversary and they traveled around visiting classmates, friends and relatives. Marion saw classmates in Florida, NY and VT. They keep busy with church activities, German Clubs and the 2001 Finnfest, which is held at Villanova University. Marion and Walt have three children and three grandchildren. She hopes to make our 45th in September 2001 and has her room reserved at her son's Cambridge home.

Sharon Donahue Johnson, 30 North Street, New Haven, VT

Sharon wrote that she was just back from a psychotherapy conference at Harvard. She is now a psychotherapist in private practice. She remarried a year ago and moved to Vermont to be closer to her husband's business. They bought an enchanting house - the original part built in 1784 with an ultra-modern Greek revival wing added in the 1990's. Sharon and her husband travel a good bit and have a lovely flat in England.

Sylvia Churchill Prince, 2171 Taylors Creek Road , Weems, VA 22576

Sylvia and Jim married in September 1956. She worked on White 10 for a year and they moved to Virginia. They have five children. Sylvia worked with a local GP and then stayed home with the children until they started school. She took a refresher course and started working in a local hospital, first in med/surg and then twelve years in OB. Sylvia says she retired five years ago and now enjoys hanging out with her cocker spaniel on Taylors Creek.

Eileen Post Wilson, 406 Locust Hill Lane, Knoxville, TN 37920-5199

Eileen writes that after MGH she attended the University of Colorado for a BS in nursing then on to the University of Minnesota for a Masters degree and eventually to Purdue for an EdD degree in College Student Personnel Counseling. Along the way, she married, had a daughter, divorced and changed her name from Emmy-Lou to Eileen. Eileen lived in many states, finally settling in TN. She has been in and out of nursing education, advising and grant writing. Eileen retired a year ago but works part time for The Center for Community Health. The past year has not been an easy one - she has had several surgeries and also lost her only daughter to breast cancer. Eileen says she loves being retired and spending time in the mountains and taking short trips in the area.

Sondra Fuller Lambert, 255 South Rengstorff Ave Apt 46, Mountain View, CA 94040

After out MGH graduation, Sondra returned to Syracuse, New York and worked in a hospital. She joined the USAF (NC) to see the world! She was stationed in many states and Labrador. Sondra met her future husband, left the military and went to the University of Michigan School for Anesthetists. She worked in NYC (ran into Barb Scharrett at Roosevelt Hospital) and then back to the USAF as a nurse anesthetist and more travel, earning a private pilot's license in her spare time. Sondra attended flight nurse's school and then off to the Far East. In 1970, she and her daughter moved back to the Syracuse area and then Sondra moved to North Carolina after her daughter married. Sondra became reacquainted with an old beau leading to a wedding and a move to California. She is now retired and working part time in a completely unrelated field.

Kay Chester, 830 Shennecossett Rd, Groton, CT 06340-6030

Kay worked one year at MGH then went to Long Beach, CA. She worked as a staff nurse and head nurse on an OB ward. Kay then came back to CT and worked in a state hospital that went from a TB Sanitarium to Chronic Disease Rehab to Cancer Treatment. She worked her way up from staff to head nurse to supervisor to Director of Nursing. After working there for 30 years, Kay retired. She traveled quite a bit, bought a house and is now renovating it. She is planning on attending the September 2001 "Homecoming".

Janet DiBona, 10 Lakeside Terrace, Harwich, MA 02645

Janet writes that after graduation, she worked in the OR of Quincy Hospital, MGH, and Brockton Hospital. In the late 60's she went aboard the SS Hope Hospital Ship to Peru where she was the OR instructor teaching Peruvian nurses- in Spanish. She came back to the US and worked full time while attending college, and finished with an Education degree. Janet went on to teach OR techs at Quincy Junior College. At the end of 17 years she decided to do something different and hired on as a nurse at the Methadone clinic eventually ending up as director and then on to part-time as Coordinator of Nursing

Practice for the 7 clinics in the company. She is now retired, taking “odd-jobs” to keep the brain going. She states she never married ...just became an “unclaimed treasure” until the last few years, anyway. She loves living on the Cape and believes this is the happiest time of her life.

Ann Elwell Haslett, 214 Cotton Dike Rd, St Helena Island, SC 29920-3803

Ann states that she hopes to make it to Homecoming this year. She, Barb Farley and Butty Boland have been talking about it. Here is her bio: 1956-1957 she worked in San Francisco with Betty, 1958 she married John – they met in northern Ireland . In 1959 son Maynard was born. From 1959-61 lived in Ireland, England, Scotland and Australia thanks to John’s business. 1961 returned to the US where son Thomas was born. 1961-95 lived in Southboro, MA. In 1971 worked for the Department of Mental Health at Westborough State Hospital. 1994 she retired. In 1995 she and John moved to Dataw, South Carolina and spend summers in Maine. John and Ann have four grandchildren and she volunteers in the elementary school and plays a lot of tennis.

Prudence Thatcher Stewart, PO Box 402, 2338 Main St, Barnstable MA 02630, 508-362-6383, robstew@G15.net

Prudy writes that after graduation she worked at Cape Cod Hospital, Hartford Hospital, Centerville Nursing Home and then in a Cardiologist’s office in Hyannis, MA. She and Rob married in 1959. They have three children all living in MA and six grandchildren. Prudy worked for a total of forty years and is now retired. She does some volunteer work and catches up on old friendships. She is now busy planning a 50th high school reunion.

Elizabeth Cronin Costa , 42 Adams Street, Milford NH 03055-4001

Betty writes that she worked as a staff nurse, head nurse and supervisor at MGH while attending BU evenings. She married Frank in 1961 and they lived in many places until he retired from the Air Force after 20 ½ years, settling in a beautiful NH Victorian home. They had 3 children: 2 boys and a girl. They lost one son a few years ago. Last winter Betty had a ten day hospital stay as her anti inflammatory drugs taken for arthritis eroded her stomach wall right into an artery resulting in 6 transfusions. She also had knee replacement surgery. Betty has no desire to return to nursing after settling in NH. She has worked in special ed and is now a Title I math tutor. Both she and Frank collect fine antiques and also sells them in a group shop.

Carol Foss Bradford, 1715 45th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116-1910
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Carol worked in public health nursing in Maine for a few years before returning to Boston and Simmons for her BS degree. She then moved to Seattle and worked in Public Health for 7 years, leaving nursing for 20 years while raising her family. The Bradford’s have a son, two daughters and three grandchildren. On returning to nursing, Carol worked 12 years in addiction nursing. Both she and her husband are now retired. Carol helps the parish nurse in her church and plays the Recorder in a quartet. They camp and travel in their fifth wheel RV.

Barbara Scharrett Wetzel, 17 Wilson Ave W, East Hanover NJ 07939

Barbara and Ken have been married for 31 years, they have two children; Michael who received his MS degree this year and Nancy a 'struggling actress' in LA. Ken has retired but does some tax prep work and Barbara has been in school nursing for 17 years, expecting to work for a few more years. Barbara likes to travel, garden, and enjoys photography. She would like to attend a Homecoming at MGH but says the beginning of a school year is always hectic and demanding.

Shirley Wrobel Williams, 504 Bay Lane, Centerville, MA 02632-3353

Shirley married one year after graduation and moved to Burlington, MA. She lived there for twenty-five years before moving to Cape Cod where they have lived for seventeen years. The William's have three children and seven grandchildren. Shirley says she did not work while raising her children but returned to work in 1971 in Boston as a Nurse Anesthetist for an Oral/Facial surgeon and continued on the Cape until retiring in 1997. She and her husband play golf on the Cape and since her retirement have purchased a condo on the west coast of Florida where they spend the winter months. Shirley gardens and plays bridge.

Jean Courchesne Lamine , 3301 Doncaster Rd, Virginia Beach , VA 23452-5919

Jean wrote that after graduation she returned home and married her high school sweetheart, a navy pilot. They had twin daughters, another daughter and a son. In 1961 Bob died in an aircraft accident. In 1962, Jean married another pilot and had two more daughters, one of them died of SIDS at age two months. They divorced in 1976. Jean says she remembered our instructor's admonition, "Never let your license lapse." And so, twenty years after graduation, she took a refresher course and spent twenty years in OB nursing. Jean is now married to Ken, a retired submariner who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She says she is " hanging in there" and they are still able to travel in their RV. They've driven to all states except Hawaii - if only they could only figure out how to drive over water. She keeps busy with camping, six grandchildren, gardening, reading, and creating seashell designs. She would love to hear from anyone.

Isobel Ure Albert, Izobob@aol.com, Mid may to October: 27 Woodwind Drive Voorheesville, NY 12186, 518-765-4460, Mid October to mid may: 835 Via del Sol Ft Myers, FL 33903, 941-741-6863

Isobel writes that she and Bob have been married for forty-one years. They have three children and one granddaughter. Two of the children live in New York State and one in Florida. She states that she has not been active in nursing for many years. She did work for a few years in a doctor's office. She and bob started their own graphics business, which they ran for twenty years before retiring five years ago. They divide their time between their home in FL and their camp in the Adirondacks, feeling they have the best of both worlds.

Joan Charlton Scoggins, 116 Brookview Terrace, Valdosta, GA 31605-6408

I didn't know whether to write to "Joan" or " Joanne" as in our yearbook. Joan says Air force is responsible. They insisted on "Joan" which is on her birth certificate. She says she answers to both names. Joan's career included twenty years in the Air Force Nurse

Corps, the last seven as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She retired in 1982 from the military and worked in Public Health. She states that she was the sole provider of care in rural health clinics, an experience with many tales. She retired (again) in 2000 but does work prn for the prison system. She has been married to Jack for thirty-five years. He is a retired Air Force pilot. They do a bit of traveling – and bought twenty-six acres of pecan trees, which keeps them busy. She says those little nuts are very labor intensive. Oh, for a piece of pecan pie!

Barbara Farley , 44212 Ft. McHenry Parkway, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Barbara wrote to me while visiting her parents on Long Island and then she planned on visiting her sister in CT. She went from training to oncology nursing at memorial Sloan Kettering for about thirteen years. Then she spent a year on the hospital ship Hope in Sri Lanka, then back to Sloan Kettering. She returned to MGH for a summer job in the Tumor Clinic and ended up staying for about five years as staff nurse then adult Oncology Clinician. She was then recruited by Beth Israel in Boston to set up their Ambulatory Oncology Program and, at the same time, received a BSN in 1982. In the 1980's she obtained her masters degree from Emory University in Georgia and then onto NIH to run the National Cancer Center Institute's Ambulatory Division. After that, she moved onto the University of Maryland as DON at their Cancer Center. She had a Fellowship to Harvard School of Public Health and retired in 1999 after working at various positions at the Medical College of Virginia. Barbara survived endometrial cancer along the way. She loves to travel and does volunteer work. She has a lovely home in Virginia but misses friends and family in the northeast so is considering moving back to " cold country."

1957

We had seven of us at the last CEU seminar. I collected news from several of the attendees, but kind of misplaced the info. Thus, here goes what I remember: Marge Howe Eramo, is back working part-time for DPH, and is also a Board Member of the Alumnae. Mary Walsh Ross, who obtained her Masters through the Institute, a few years back, is now relaxing and enjoying life "at home" with Charlie----and a delightful buff colored cocker spaniel puppy! Eleanor Morad, who is semi-retired, but still working a few days per week, while living on Martha's Vineyard. Eleanor has recently become a grandmother--for the first time! Congratulations, Ellie, glad you have joined the others who still visit every children's store, especially when we travel! Barbara Crotty Donnelly is still a mainstay at Marlboro Hospital, now part of U MA. Jo Fredella Gagnon is still the gracious "mother" of our group! Bless her caring ways! As for me, I am looking forward to hopefully retiring, and turning the helm of our small electrical construction business over to the next generation--or others. To everything, there is a season. Age 65 seems a good time to explore other facets of our lives! I am ready!

Barbara Moran Clancy joined us on Saturday. So did our March "sisters", Rita DeBonis, Betty O'Leary, and Marilyn Rossetti. This year we "missed out" on our favorite get-together--- a pasta dinner in the West End!!! Maybe next year???

Geraldine DeMello Frates

1958

Ruth Godies Russo
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Hello to all of our classmates.

I don't have a great deal of news for this publication. Janet Hames Crook and I were the 'representatives' for September '58 at this year's Homecoming Day. The talk given by Jeanette Ives Erickson was very interesting and informative. Janet and Dave are well and are looking forward to a trip to China at the end of October. They plan to visit Donna Allen Stewart and Mel while they are there. Met is teaching at Peking University in Beijing.

I spoke to Judy Madden Fitzsimmons that night before Homecoming. She had attended the program on September 28th and saw Sister Ella Potter Christian. Ella is in the Order of Gray Nuns and is assigned to a church in Lexington, MA. I hope to contact her soon and hopefully visit her with Judy. Some sad news from Judy – she lost a longtime very close friend on one of the airliners that hit the World Trade Center.

I also saw Joan Cameron Fox and George in August. Steve and I had supper with them at our favorite pizza place in North Conway, NH. Joan and George are doing well, still camping in NH during the summer. George is looking forward to retirement next year. Unfortunately, Joan had family commitments and couldn't attend Homecoming.

I recently spoke to Susan Truby Peterson – she was going to meet Carol Harkness Kilrea, who had just returned from Italy. From there, the girls were going to spend several days on Nantucket. We had hoped that they might show up at Homecoming, but they weren't able to attend either.

Last but not least, Steve and I are both fine. We attended the annual Submarine Veterans Convention in Peoria, IL. We do get around! I know that many of those old submariners, as I call them, would have reenlisted if they could. We flew out of Logan on September 10, the day before the attack and we did fly home the following Sunday in spite of having two flights cancelled before we finally flew out of O'Hare.

Our 45th year reunion will be in two years – 2003. I'll start trying to track down classmates after the first of the year. If any of you have news about any of our

classmates, please send it along. I'll send out the usual questionnaire for our Class Directory, and the plans for the dinner.

Have a healthy, happy upcoming year!

1961

Our 40th Reunion was held on Homecoming Day with 13 of us attending plus some husbands. Originally, more had planned to attend but the tragedy of September 11 caused them to cancel their plans, especially those coming from a distance. It was held at MGH and was a wonderful catered Italian buffet. We took pictures, caught up on the news and read letters from those unable to attend. Those who attended were the following:

Judy McManus Bryce	Marlene Norton
Stephanie Pietrowski Davidson	Jessie Williams Parsons
Connie Donovan	Virginia Kaczmarek Rutcho
Ann Lynch Durfee	Susan Hambley Taylor
Ellie Love Marchi	Ann Quink Young
Elizabeth Marsh Ream	Rosemary Rice Williston
Betty Matricaria Hutchinson	

Many thanks to the Reunion Committee-Ann, Ellie, Rosemary and Maureen -for organizing the event. Our next one will be the 50th !!! We hope to see everyone !!

We would also like to express our deepest sympathies to Ann Rourke Boivin, who just lost her husband from an accident in Maine. He was in a coma from June to August. She writes that she would love to hear from you. Her Maine address is 314 Eldridge Road, Wells, ME 04090

Now the News:

Stephanie and Dick have celebrated their 40th Anniversary. They have 5 children and by Jan. 2002 they will have 12 grandchildren. They lost a son last year after a 2 year battle with brain cancer. Stephanie has worked the last 25 years in an administrative capacity i.e., Director of Quality Management at St John's in Lowell for 10, Melrose-Wakefield for 2, also at Winchester Hospital and more recently at Shaugnessey-Kaplan Rehab in Salem. She is retired now but has returned to work pt in case management. They love to summer in Maine and spend some time in Florida during the winter. Hobbies are sewing, knitting and oil paint.

Ann Young and her husband had just returned from Washington DC where they were to take part in the 40th anniversary of the Peace Corps . Events were cancelled because of the tragedy Sept 11. Remember they met in the Peace Corps ! She's a school nurse in

Gardner. Two children are married and there are 3 grandsons. One son is in Australia; the other in San Francisco. She says: Life has been very good to me and I'm blessed with a wonderful family and good friends"

Jessie: "Sorry that more of our classmates couldn't make this milestone our lives. With the reunion following the 11 of September, being with old friends took on new meaning. In the 40 years since our graduation, I have been married to Jack for 39. We have lived all over the U.S. but returned to Mass. 20 years ago. We have 4 children-now all adults and 2 grandchildren. We have been blessed" She is still working with Liberty Mutual as manager of their employee health. "Great job and great people "

Elizabeth is retired and enjoying the life of a traveler with her husband Hugh. Their daughter is a school teacher, married with 2 wonderful sons. Liz is going to write a note later.

Ellie is retired from MGH and enjoying her grandsons. She'll also write later.

Ann Durfee is still plugging away in the NICU at MGH. Most of her children are married with another wedding coming up next year. She has 5(or more) grandchildren.

About those who could not attend:

Marjorie Smith has retired from Children's and could not make the reunion because she is traveling in Italy. She loves having the time for traveling, reading or whatever.

Christine Stockwell Goodman and her husband are traveling in Greece. She is retired but working per diem. Says Hi to everyone and hopes to make the next one.

Judy Robbins Packard is working as a staff nurse and plans to do so for another 4 years. She and her husband were expecting the arrival of their 4th grandson about the time of the reunion. She'll be at the 50th.

Marilyn Williams Martens and her husband live in Vermont where he is a pastor at 2 churches. They have 2 adult children who live in the midwest . They also have 1 grandchild. She is retired after a busy life as a camp nurse, school nurse, town health officer. She does gardening and took up the violin 6 years ago. She says: " I will be thinking of you and the old times at MGH. May I also add: God Bless America."

Betty Matricaria Hutchinson writes:

I've been living on Woods Pond in Bridgton, Maine for the past 30 years. Until last month I had worked 28 years in a rural branch office of a Visiting Nurse Assoc. based in Portland, Maine. Mine was one of the 5 Clinical Manager positions eliminated by agency "restructuring"! So. . . I'm looking for a new challenge. My husband suffered a fatal MI 9 years ago. My son John and his wife now live just 25 miles away after having been in Iowa for several years. They are the proud parents of my 2yearold granddaughter, Sarah. Daughter Anne(24) has recently moved to Charlottesville, VA and is working in the Watershed Education Program of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. This year my mom

(MGH Class of 1939) moved from the 12 room house I grew up in to a handicapped accessible condo in Farmington, Conn. to be nearer to my youngest sister. Lots of changes! Would love to hear from anyone travelling in this direction.
(emh@cybertours.com)

As I mentioned in the last letter, I am missing some addresses for about 30 or so classmates. Just recently Elizabeth Tallent Sanchez,s letter was returned as address unknown. I am hoping that everyone keeps in touch or at least informs the Alumnae Office of address changes, so we can have a successful 50th reunion.

I am retired-oh sure-well, I am busy doing per diem in pediatrics at MGH. I get these calls-please come to work! I love having more time for my activities and also after 40 years at MGH, making out my own time. I still am into rose gardening and am librarian for the NERS Rose Society, as well as secretary for our Alumnae.
This is all for now. Take care-Everyone!~, Marlene

1962

Carolyn Thayer
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40th reunion next year – let's plan ahead.

We have lost touch with the following classmates:

Margaret Marx Aiken
Benita Shatz Bavaria
Ann Broadley
Deborah Tillson Capra
Diane Jackman Christine
Elizabeth Selleck Collins
Marguerite Garrity Finnegan
Dale Adams Flint
Kathleen McCormick Fritz
Janet Gilmore Greene
Rebecca Norris Nicolini
Carol O'Neil Ottinger
Phoebe Bragg Puppione
Pauline Kapp Sutton
Mary Chase Taylor
Karen Hartman Van Dyke
Dorothy White
Bettina Thomas Winn
Salma Sullivan Zierden

If you know the whereabouts of any of these classmates. Please be in touch with me. Thanks.

1966

For the 35th there was a good size group in attendance at Homecoming this year. The following is a semi complete list of those in attendance and their addresses. It was great to see everyone. Angela is going to be the point person for addresses- so send her any others you might have. The hope is that by the 50th we will not have any lost folks and can get an even bigger group together.

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In anticipation of my 30th MGH School of Nursing Class Reunion I thought it might be timely to write to our MGH Alumnae Newsletter. I am looking forward to the MGH Reunion in September and seeing my classmates from 30 years ago. I have been in the Washington D.C. area for about twenty-five years now. I went to Nurse Anesthesia School and obtained my doctorate in Physiology here in this area. I am now a Captain in the US Public Health Service and during my last assignment I began a Masters Program in Nurse Anesthesia at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. The program is responsible for preparing nurses in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service as nurse anesthetists. I enjoyed being in education and especially enjoyed being back in academic research. I am now back at the Food and Drug Administration in the Commissioner's Office working on policy issues related to women's health.

What I value most over the past 30 years is my marriage to Rodney White and our son Maury who is now 11. Rodney is a special education schoolteacher who has summers off so we are both enjoying the summer activities of an eleven-year-old - swim team, soccer, camping and vacations.

I have visited and keep in touch with Jane Benoit Kopriva who lives in Madison, CT with her husband Charlie. They have two beautiful daughters - Carrie who has finished medical school and is now in her residency training, and Amy who has just started college. I have also kept in touch with Connie Michaelis Howell who has three sons living in Michigan and Bobbie Nemeskal who is the only one of who remains working at "the General". The four of us were together last September at the wedding of Carrie

Kopriva in Cooperstown, New York. It was so enjoyable that we are planning another get-together in Nantucket immediately following our reunion.

Looking forward to our 30th reunion

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Application for Annabella McCrae Loan

History and Purpose:

The fund was established in 1930 by the graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing and is maintained by voluntary contributions. The purpose of the fund is to provide loans to fully privileged members of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc. to aid them to further education in the field of nursing.

Amounts of Loan Available:

A sum not to exceed \$8,000 may be borrowed per lifetime.

Qualifications of Applicant:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the loan period)
2. Good health and suitable personal qualifications
3. Acceptable academic standing and professional achievement in nursing
4. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
5. The end of semester grades must be submitted showing completion of the course.

Procedure for Making Application:

1. Application must be returned to the Chairman of the Loan Committee.
2. Application must be received by June 1st of the year for which the loan is needed for the Fall Semester.
3. Application must be received by Sept. 1st of the year for which the loan is needed for the Spring Semester.

Repayment of Loan:

1. The personal signature of the applicant is the only guarantee required.
2. Repayments are made on a monthly installment plan, payments being due on the 10th of each month, commencing three (3) months after completion of the program.
3. The amount of each payment is to be decided by the Committee in consultation with the applicant at the time the loan is made.
4. Interest starts at the beginning of the second year and is 2% of the balance for that year. The rate is then increased to 4% simple interest on whatever balance is remaining at the end of the second year. There is NO PENALTY of early repayment of the loan.

Repayment of loans of \$500 to \$4,000 are to be completed in three (3) years.

Repayment of loans of \$4,000 to \$8,000 are to be completed in four (4) years.

Exceptions of the above may be made at the discretion of the committee.

Name of Applicant: _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address: _____
(number and street)

(city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Graduation from MGH _____ State in which you are currently registered _____
How long have you been an active member in The Alumnae? _____
Have you applied for or received other scholarship assistance? _____
If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____
What College/University are you planning to attend? _____
Cost of course _____ Credits _____
What portion of the cost of the course is reimbursed by your employer? _____
When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____
Will your degree be in nursing? _____ If not, in what? _____
What degree are you working toward _____
What are your future plans in nursing? _____

Education Other than MGH Diploma: Include name of College/University, address, dates attended, and credits/degrees. Attach separate sheet if needed.

Professional Experience Since Graduation from MGH: Include position, full or part time, agency, and dates. Attach separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

(signature of applicant) (date)

Public Law 93383 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school record. Signing of this application gives the committee chairman permission to look at your MGH school of nursing record, if necessary.

Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc.
Application for the Felicia Kulig Fullerton Scholarship
Part Time Study

General Requirements:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the scholarship)
2. Application must be received before May 1st
3. Scholarship to be returned if another full tuition grant awarded
4. Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in Nursing.
5. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
6. The end of semester grades must be submitted showing completion of the course.

Name of Applicant: _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address: _____
(number and street)

(city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Graduation from MGH _____ State in which you are currently registered _____

How long have you been an active member in The Alumnae? _____

Have you applied for or received other scholarship assistance? _____

If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____

What College/University are you planning to attend? _____

Tuition per course or semester _____ Credits _____

What portion of the cost of the course is reimbursed by your employer? _____

When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____

Will your degree be in nursing? ____ If not, in what? _____

What degree are you working toward _____

What are your future plans in nursing? _____

Education Other than MGH Diploma: Include name of College/University, address, dates attended, and credits/degrees. Attach separate sheet if needed.

Professional Experience Since Graduation from MGH: Include position, full or part time, agency, and dates. Attach separate sheet if needed.

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(signature of applicant)

(date)

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Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc.
Full Time Study Application for the Felicia Kulig Fullerton or Sally Johnson Scholarship

General Requirements:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the scholarship)
2. Application must be received before May 1st
3. Scholarship to be returned if another full tuition grant awarded
4. Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in Nursing.
5. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
6. The end of semester grades must be submitted showing completion of the course.

Name of Applicant: _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address: _____
(number and street)

(city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Graduation from MGH _____ State in which you are currently registered _____
How long have you been an active member in The Alumnae? _____
Have you applied for or received other scholarship assistance? _____
If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____
What College/University are you planning to attend? _____
Tuition per course or semester _____ Credits _____
What portion of the cost of the course is reimbursed by your employer? _____
When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____
Will your degree be in nursing? _____ If not, in what? _____
What degree are you working toward _____
What are your future plans in nursing? _____

Education Other than MGH Diploma: Include name of College/University, address, dates attended, and credits/degrees. Attach separate sheet if needed.

Professional Experience Since Graduation from MGH: Include position, full or part time, agency, and dates. Attach separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

(signature of applicant) (date)

Public Law 93383 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school record. Signing of this application gives the committee chairman permission to look at your MGH school of nursing record, if necessary.

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